GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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GRANTS FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) state the grant provided by the Government for Mid-Day-Meals per student, per day;

(b) whether this grant is enough in providing below diet;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to increase the grant per student, per day;

(d) if so, details and action to be taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): Under National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education(NP-NSPE) commonly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme last revised in June, 2006. cooked mid-day meal of 450 calories and 12 gram proteins is being provided to children studying in classes I-V in Government, Local Body and Government-aided Primary schools and centres run under Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education. Nutritional norm of 450 calories and 12 grams protein has been prescribed in consultation with nutritional experts Components of Central assistance admissible t o State Governments/Union Territory Administration are as under:-

(i) Supply of free foodgrains (wheat/rice) @ 100 grams per child per school day;

(ii) Reimbursement of actual cost of transportation of food grains from nearest Food Corporation of India godown subject to the ceiling of Rs.100/- per quintal for North Eastern Region and hilly area States and Rs.75/- per quintal for all other States and Union Territories.

(iii) Cooking cost @ Rs.1.80 per child per school day for States in the North East Region (NER) and Rs.1.50 per child per school day in other States with minimum mandatory contribution of Re.0.20 in the case of NER and Re.0.50 in the case of other States making total cooking cost at Rs.2/- per child per school day.

(iv) Provision of cooked mid-day meal during summer vacations to school children in areas declared by State Governments as `drought-affected.

(v) Construction of kitchen-cum-store upto a maximum of Rs.60.000/- per unit and procurement /replacement of kitchen devices with maximum ceiling of Rs.5000/- per school.

(vi) Management, Monitoring and Evaluation @ 1.8% of total assistance of
(i) to (iii) above.